

COUNCIL BRIEFS

November 6, 2015

New Facility Supervisor at Elmwood Community Center: The town welcomes Jaime Krajewski as the new facility supervisor of Elmwood Community Center. Jaime most recently served as Director of Parks & Recreation for the Town of East Hampton where she oversaw and managed all recreation programming, parks and school grounds maintenance, and a waterfront beach area. Prior to East Hampton, she spent nearly 8 years with the Town of South Windsor as a recreation supervisor in charge of the aquatics operations as well as adult programming. She lives in East Hampton with her husband Mike, and their three sons, William, Beckett and Owen. Jaime replaces Robin Collins who retired on June 5.

Test sampling of LED streetlights underway: The Town has installed four various brands and wattages of LED lights in the cobra-head street lights along Farmington Avenue, west of Arlington Road, for evaluation. The new lights cast a brighter white light instead of the yellow hue of the present light bulbs. The fixtures are projected to save over 50% in energy use when the more than 6,000 street lights are converted to LED.

The final fixture selection will be made in a few weeks with input from Town departments and the Clean Energy Task Force, which is made up of West Hartford residents. Community feedback is welcome; submit comments to catherine.diviney@westhartfordct.gov

Health District sends Food License renewals: The West Hartford-Bloomfield Health District mailed out 477 Food License Renewal Applications district wide. Of that total, 362 were sent to West Hartford food establishments. Town Ordinance requires that West Hartford food establishments have a food license which are valid for one year, January 1 to Dec. 31. The fees vary based upon the seating capacity and menu food safety requirements established in the CT Public Health Code.

Historic barn at Westmoor Park renovated: Time, usage, and decay have been at work weakening Westmoor Park's largest and oldest barn that dates back to the mid-1880s. Several structural issues were identified a few years ago, and now, through revenue generated by Westmoor Park's Feast on the Farm event and moneys from the Westmoor Fund, steps are being taken to restore and preserve this important building.

New foundations are being installed to sure-up the walls of the attached tractor shed on the east side of the barn, and the main south facing wall. In addition, the two-story high south wall is being re-sided to keep it watertight and to protect the structural beams from further decay. The project is expected to be completed by the end of November.

First Police Career Open House deemed a success: Faced with a dramatic decrease in the number of applications for police officers, the West Hartford Police Department hosted a Career Open House to attract applicants that have not previously considered a career in law enforcement. Exceeding all expectations, nearly 130 people attended the event on October 24. The Police department hopes to hold a Career Open House annually.

Title for One Book, One Town revealed on Nov. 7: On Saturday, November 7 at 11:00 AM, West Hartford's first One Book, One Town will get kicked off with the unveiling of the selected book that will keep the community talking for months. The event will take place at the Barnes & Noble bookstore at Blue Back Square followed by special activities.

One Book, One Town is a project of the Town of West Hartford, West Hartford Public Schools, the public libraries, the Noah Webster House, the Human Rights Commission, Starwood Retail, and Barnes & Noble.

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